## **CLAIMS**

What is claimed is:

1		1. A method of matching a candidate to a job comprising:
2		receiving candidate information related to the candidate in computer readable
3	form;	
4		receiving job requirements related to the job in computer readable form;
5		verifying the candidate information through use of a digital signature and queries
6	transn	nitted via a network;
75		matching the candidate information as verified to the job requirements; and
8[		notifying the candidate and a company providing the job of a result of the
700000000000000000000000000000000000000	match	ing.
		2. The method of claim 1 wherein:
2 min min min min 2		candidate information includes qualifications and preferences.
}=== 1		3. The method of claim 1 wherein:
2		job requirements further includes a job description.
1		4. The method of claim 1 wherein:
2		candidate information includes qualifications and preferences; and
3		job requirements further includes a job description.

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notifying each job provider of results of the matching.

- 8. The method of claim 7 wherein:
- 2 candidate information includes qualifications and preferences; and
- job requirements further includes a job description.
  - 9. The method of claim 8 further comprising:
- 2 matching the preferences to the job description and each notifying further
- includes notifying of the result of matching the preferences to the job description.
  - 10. The method of claim 9 wherein:

results of the matching includes rankings of the jobs of the set of jobs with respect to each candidate and rankings of the candidates of the set of candidates with respect to each job.

- 11. A machine readable medium embodying instructions suitable for execution by a processor, the processor when executing the instructions performing a method, the method comprising:
- receiving candidate information related to each candidate of a set of candidates in computer readable form;
- receiving job requirements related to each job of a set of jobs from a job provider in computer readable form;

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verifying the candidate information of each candidate through use of a digita
signature of the candidate information and queries transmitted via a network;

matching the candidate information as verified of each candidate of the set of candidates to the job requirements of the jobs of the set of jobs;

notifying each candidate of results of the matching; and notifying each job provider of results of the matching.

12. The machine readable medium of claim 11 further embodying instructions suitable for execution by a processor, the processor when executing the instructions performing a method, the method wherein:

candidate information includes qualifications and preferences;

job requirements further includes a job description;

and further comprising:

matching the preferences to the job description and each notifying further includes notifying of the result of matching the preferences to the job description.

13. The machine readable medium of claim 12 further embodying instructions suitable for execution by a processor, the processor when executing the instructions performing a method, the method wherein:

results of the matching includes rankings of the jobs of the set of jobs with respect to each candidate and rankings of the candidates of the set of candidates with respect to each job.

- 1 14. The machine readable medium of claim 12 further embodying instructions
- 2 suitable for execution by a processor, the processor when executing the instructions
- 3 performing a method, the method wherein:
- 4 verifying includes encoding the digital signature and queries for transmission
- 5 through an X.509 protocol;
- 6 and further comprising:
- 7 receiving verification responses as a result of transmitting the queries, the
- 8 verification responses also encoded for transmission through an X.509 protocol and the
- 9 verification responses also transmitted via the network.